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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application with claims 4-11 being cancelled by this response. Claims 1-3 have been indicated to be allowable over the prior art of record.

Rejection of Claims 4-11 under 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 4-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated Iwamura (U.S. 5,940,028). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 4-11 have been cancelled by this response. In view of the cancellation of claims 4-11, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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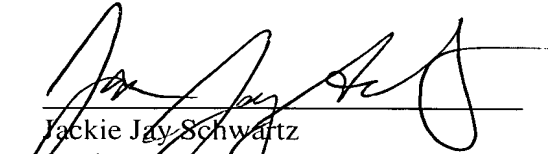
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No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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